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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Toru ITO et al
Serial No. : 09/920,051
Filed : August 1, 2001
For : INDUCTANCE COMPONENT HAVING
A PERMANENT MAGNET IN THE
VICINITY OF A MAGNETIC GAP
Art Unit : 2832
Examiner : T. T. Nguyen

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2002, the shortened one-month term for response to which expires on January 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 3, 9 and 14 to read as follows:

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3. (Amended) An inductance component according to claim 2, wherein each of the permanent magnets is mounted in the vicinity of the magnetic gap on at least one of the end portions of the magnetic core including the small piece of core and sandwiching